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2010 Application Season for Fulbright Scholarships Opens

Rangoon (February 10, 2010) – The United States Embassy announces the start of the application season for the Fulbright Scholarship program for the academic year 2011-2012. The program gives full scholarship funding to Burmese students seeking a **Master's Degree** in selected fields at a university in the United States of America. The successful candidates will likely begin their studies in September 2011.

I) Academic and English Language Proficiency Requirement:

- All applicants must have a Bachelor's Degree **and be qualified to study for a Master's Degree**.
- Applicants with M.B., B.S., B.E, or B.A. Social Science degrees are not required to be qualified to study for a Master's Degree.
- All applicants must have valid scores of either **575 in TOEFL** or **6.5 in IELTS**.
- Applicants can submit their Fulbright applications at the security gate of the American Center, 14 Tawwin Road by **May 1, 2010**.
- Electronic copies of the application (PDF format) are available at <http://foreign.fulbrightonline.org/fulbrightpage.html>.
- Hard copies of the application are available at the American Center effective from February 10, 2010.
- To see whether your computer or internet TOEFL scores are eligible and for further inquiries, please contact Fulbright.Rangoon@state.gov.

a. If applicants do not have valid TOEFL/IELTS scores but are otherwise qualified:

- Applicants must complete the academic qualification forms, which will be available at the American Center beginning **February 10, 2010**. Submission deadline will be **February 28, 2010**.
- Based on academic qualifications, a list of eligible applicants who can sit for an English proficiency test will be announced on **March 15, 2010** at the American Center.
- The English proficiency test will be offered on **March 25, 2010** at the American Center.
- Results of the test will be posted in front of the American Center on **April 10, 2010**.
- Eligible candidates who pass the English proficiency test can submit their Fulbright application forms at the American Center no later than **May 1, 2010**.

II) Requirements:

Before submitting an application, interested applicants must read the following requirements carefully to be sure they qualify for a scholarship. The Fulbright program in Burma is only open to those seeking **Master's Degrees**. All applicants must:

- Be a citizen of Burma, currently living in the country.
- Be a university graduate (holding a Bachelor's Degree qualified for a Master's Degree or holding a Master's Degree).
- Plan to study at the Master's Degree level in the social sciences, natural sciences, or humanities. Applications from those interested in studying public health, education, international development, international relations, community health, political science, economics, journalism, public policy, music/music education study and library science are especially welcome. Medicine, business administration and computer science are ineligible fields of study.
- Possess a record of high academic achievement.
- Be proficient in English (minimum TOEFL score of 575 or IELTS score of 6.5).
- Pledge to return to Burma for a period of at least two years after their Fulbright study has ended.
- Have little or no previous experience traveling or living in the United States.